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THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

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## AN OPEN LETTER

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 17th, 1912.  
Editor the Oregonian:

My attention has been called to an article in last Sunday's paper entitled "Deaf Taught to Talk in Portland Schools."

The article contains several statements calculated to mislead the public, and I should like permission to correct some of them.

Teaching the deaf to talk and read the lips is right and proper, and it is done in every well regulated school, including the State School at Salem, Oregon.

The article says that by the method employed in Portland the child can understand "perfectly" what other people are saying by watching the movements of the lips. No, not "perfectly." Some children can understand a good deal; others comparatively little; but none "perfectly." Lip reading is not hearing, and never will be. The child may say he understands you, but make a rigid test by requiring him to write out what you say, and often you will find he does not understand.

"At the Buckman School the sign method of conversation is strictly forbidden, and a slight penalty imposed upon children caught using their hands." This is a mistake, and an injustice to the deaf child in the Portland School.

Without the sign language the deaf can never understand a sermon, a lecture, or a debate. By means of the sign language, the deaf can enjoy these as well as hearing people, and the sign language is the only means by which they can do it.

The exclusion of the sign language hurts the deaf in other ways also. Children limited to oral communication cannot express their thoughts freely for several years, and mental development is slow. Many children who have attended oral day schools have been sent to State schools, and it has invariably been found that they are far behind in mental growth those who have been the same length of time in schools using the Combined System.

Most State Schools use the Combined System, which combines the best in all methods. Those who show the aptitude for speech are taught by such methods as will produce the best results. The aim of the oral school is to teach speech; the aim of the Combined System is to EDUCATE the child and make him a useful citizen.

There is a College for the deaf in Washington, D. C. Students from all kinds of schools attend the College. No student taught by the oral method alone has ever been able to lead the Valedictory or to lead his class. Why? There is a reason!

Parents and teachers who advocate the oral method alone mean well, but are not fully informed. It is very natural for parents to wish their children to speak; but they should understand that very often the time spent in teaching speech could be better employed in developing the mind. Signs need not prevent a child learning to speak and read lips. On the contrary they often help by quickening mental growth. Many of the best lip readers use the sign language freely.

Many deaf educated orally, as they grew older and understood things better have expressed regrets at the mistakes made by their parents and teachers in not allowing them to use the sign language at school.

The Combined System gives the best all around development for the deaf child. About 80 per cent of the deaf in this country are in schools the Combined System.

Speech and lip reading are useful: the sign language is also useful. The deaf should have the opportunity to learn both.

OLOF HANSON,  
Pres. Nat. Ass'n. of the Deaf.

## TO BOOST THE N. A. D.

A new club or organization of the deaf has been born in Seattle. It is the outgrowth of an idea that took root in the fertile brain of Ernest Swangren. No sooner did the said Ernest see the idea take tangible form than he called together a few chosen souls and imparted his idea, with the result that they gathered Saturday evening, September 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hanson, to organize this club. A scrutiny of the record fails to show that the club has any name, but it will very likely have one after October 19.

The deaf of Seattle believe in doing things, and they are upholding their belief by practice. The president of the National Association of the Deaf lives here. His friends have watched him struggle with the many and varied problems relating to N. A. D. affairs, and they realized he had no "snap job," as some might say. Mr. Swangren thought of the old saw that "many hands make light work," or something to that effect. He rea-

sioned that many minds, too, should make work light for some one. The gathering last Saturday was the result—and a good start was made to help the National Association of the Deaf in a variety of ways, through its president.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Swangren, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gustin, Miss Cleone Morris, and Messrs. True Partridge, L. O. Christenson, W. S. Root and P. L. Axling. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright were out of town, else they would have been on hand, too. Mrs. Axling was unable to attend. Mr. Swangren called the meeting to order and stated his object in calling the crowd together. He believed the Seattle members of the N. A. D. and all others interested in the welfare of the Association could do no better than to form an organization (with a presiding officer and a secretary, but without a cumbersome constitution) whose aim it shall be to meet regularly, discuss N. A. D. work, and place at the disposal of its president helpful suggestions and their services in any manner they might further the aims of the association.

Having thus stated the reason for the gathering, Mr. Swangren asked what was the pleasure of those present. Mr. Hanson suggested that Mr. Swangren be temporary chairman until a permanent organization was perfected. Seconded by Mr. Partridge, and acceded to by those present. Mr. Swangren took the chair and stated that business was in order. Mr. Hanson asked for the floor and expressed his surprise and pleasure at the proposition as stated by Mr. Swangren. He also spoke at some length about the work and present status of the N. A. D. and had no doubt but that such a start as we were about to make would result in much good and ought to be the means of arousing more interest in the N. A. D. throughout the country.

The chair took up the question of organizing. Mrs. Hanson moved that we organize on the lines suggested, and the motion prevailed. Mr. Axling suggested that before we proceed a temporary secretary should be appointed to take down the proceedings. The chair asked that Mr. Axling act in that capacity, and he accepted. The chair announced that the temporary organization was perfected and that we proceed to make it permanent.

The permanent organization was effected by the election of Mr. Swan-

gren as president and A. W. Wright as secretary. Mr. Wright being absent, Mr. Axling acted in his stead. Next came up the question of a suitable name for the organization. Several were proposed and some discussion indulged in, those taking part being Messrs. Swangren, Hanson, Root, Axling, Partridge, and Mesdames Hanson and Swangren. It was finally determined that the name should be selected at the next meeting, October 19, at the Hanson home, each one to come prepared to submit one or more names.

The program for the next meeting, aside from the selection of a name, is the reading of a paper on some phase of the N. A. D. by Mr. Axling, followed by a free and full discussion of the points he is expected to bring out.

Mr. Root wanted to know if our meetings are to be open to all the deaf in the city. The chair stated they would be open to those who were members of the N. A. D. or took sufficient interest in its affairs to be willing to join; that indiscriminate attendance was not to be encouraged the object of the organization being to work solely for the good of the N. A. D.

Mr. Partridge brought up the question of finances and suggested that each member be assessed a regular stipend each month, but the suggestion was not very favorably received, and he finally asked that his motion be laid over for future consideration, which was done.

Adjournment was followed by card games and refreshments given by the Hansons.

P. L. AXLING,  
Secretary pro tem.

#### MINNESOTA.

##### **Big Picnic at Minneapolis Park.**

The annual picnic of the M'apolis Association was enjoyed Aug. 10th. About one hundred and fifty members and their friends of St. Paul and Minneapolis took the Dan Patch Air Line to Antlers' Park twenty-two miles from Minneapolis. Hot coffee, lemonade, fruits and peanuts were furnished by the Association to all the Deaf picnickers.

Field events enlivened the day.

H. M. O'Neil, chairman of the arrangement committee consisting of five members, Mrs. Lee Dane, Misses Christian Satre, Thelma Waddel and Fred Brandt, said that it was the largest of the annual picnics held thus far by the Minneapolis Association. The committee had its picture taken.

A feature of the program of sports was a tug-of-war between the St. Paul and Minneapolis contingents in which the latter won.

A number of attractive prizes for different contests were furnished by the Minneapolis retailers. The names

of the winners follow: 100-yard dash, free for all—Laurence Ryan, 1st, and Fred McNab, 2nd; Ladies Shoe race—Miss Jennie Peterson, 1st, and Mrs. Ida Reilly, 2nd; Men's blind-fold race—50 yards—Mr. John Langford; Ladies Stone Shot putting—Miss Mabel Sharp; Men's Shoe race—Fred Peterson, 1st, and Laurence Ryan, 2nd; Ladies bucking hop race—Hans Paterlund; Ladies backward running race—Miss Carrie Parusch; Young Men's wheelbarrow race—Charles Johnson; Young Ladies' blind-fold race—Miss Luerta Davitt; and Ladies lemon race—Miss Edna Vandegrift, 1st, and Miss Anna Northrop, 2nd.

"The deaf mute picnic of next year will be planned on a large scale and will be the greatest affair of the kind, because the success of the picnic Saturday at Antler's Park has shown, Chairman H. M. O'Neil of the arrangement committee said, that the deaf and dumb people welcome the opportunity to get together once a year for a good time. Two hundred people attended the picnic Saturday and Mr. O'Neil said it was such a huge success that the plans for next year's picnic have already been started."—M'p'lis Daily Journal.

##### **Notes of the Picnic.**

Mr. William Fitzpatrick, a traveling photographer of La Crosse, Wis., (who came from La Crosse on his motor-cycle), took several group pictures of the picnic party. Mr. Fitzpatrick spent a couple of days visiting with his friends in Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reilly of Chicago enjoyed themselves at the picnic, visiting several weeks with their relatives and friends in St. Paul and Minneapolis. They thought a great deal of the twin cities as the trade center of the great Northwest.

Mrs. Henry Bumble of Chicago who, accompanied by Mrs. Cora O'Neil of La Crosse, Wis., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Togerson of St. Paul, were much pleased to meet their friends at the picnic.

Miss Mabel Sharp, an assistant matron of the Minnesota School for the Deaf, at Fairbault, who came from Northfield, Minn., enjoyed the picnic. Mr. Clarence Sharp, a brother of Mabel, a steady printer at Aucaltonna, Minn., was delighted to meet his many friends. Miss Mabel Sharp won a prize, a pair of silk stockings.

Miss Kate Higgins of Chicago, who came to Minneapolis for the first time visited relatives and was much pleased to introduce herself at the picnic. We were glad to learn that she won a gopher gentleman. The chairman of the committee thanks all those who helped make the picnic a success.

The Minneapolis Association of the Deaf holds its meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at Richmond Hall. At the

meeting of Aug. 22, Anton Schroeder of St. Paul gave a brilliant lecture, his subject being, "Secrets of Success." Mrs. Blanche Williams of Reliegh, N. C., who was introduced at the Association, was much pleased to meet some of her old friends there. She gave us an instructive talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney A. Mott, both early pioneer settlers of Faribault, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Aug. 24th last. Mr. Mott will be 88 years old next December, and Mrs. Mott will be 87 in October. They came to Minnesota in 1858 and settled on a homestead in Faribault which was sold to the Minnesota school for the Deaf where it is now located. The State built the boys' dormitory which was named in honor of Mr. Mott, "Mott Hall." Mr. R. A. Mott is honored and admired by his many deaf acquaintances and will always be remembered for his good works.

On Aug. 21st last, a wedding card was received in the Twin Cities announcing as a surprise to the many friends of Mr. Alfred H. Cashman, that he was married to Miss G. F. Broderick of Brodhead, Wis. They will make their home in Crystal City, Texas, where Mr. Cashman has bought a fruit farm. Congratulations!

Miss Minnie Dunck of Milwaukee, Wis., spent a month visiting with her relatives and friends in Minneapolis. She was much pleased to accompany Rev. and Mrs. S. Saloner to the picnic. On Aug. 24th, Sunday, Rev. Mr. Salvner confirmed four people at the Deaf Grace Lutheran Evangelist Church. He has nearly one hundred members now.

H. M. O'NEIL.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA.

By Edward P. Olson.

On Monday evening, Aug. 26th, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Williams were the victims of a surprise birthday party in their new home on West Eighth street, Sioux Falls.

At the hour appointed, mutes gathered at the corner of Eighth street and Prairie avenue and marched to the Williams home and took possession.

They shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who "mildly wondered" why this was thusly. Some one said "To celebrate your wedding in your new home," but finally it was discovered that the friends were gathered to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Williams. Although the anniversary came in June, it had been thought best to defer the celebration until Mr. and Mrs. Williams should have taken possession of their home.

At 9 o'clock Edward P. Olson, in behalf of the surprisers, made a speech presenting the host and hostess with a beautiful pedestal.

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#### CONVENTION MAY BE POSTPONED.

A proposal has been made to postpone the N. A. D. convention till 1914.

Some reasons given are: The Alumni Association of Gallaudet meets in Washington, D. C., in 1914, also the National Teachers' Association meets at Staunton, Va., the same summer. It is believed the following N. A. D. convention will be held in Hartford in 1917, which would leave three years between 1914 and 1917.

We would like to receive short four or five-line articles from our readers as to what they think of the change.

#### TO THE DEAF OF SEATTLE.

An attempt is being made to recall Mayor Cotterill of Seattle. Such action is a serious mistake.

George F. Cotterill is the best mayor Seattle has had in years. He has tried to keep a clean city. He has looked after the city's will face. Where public improvements were proposed he has made a personal examination, his experience as a civil engineer being valuable in this respect.

It was argued last winter that a closed town would ruin Seattle. This has been proven false. Business is better today than a year ago. The population is increasing, this is shown by the way houses are filling up and by the largely increased enrollment in our public schools.

It is attacks on such men as Cotterill that is driving our best men out of politics and filling offices with tricksters and grafters.

The vicious element is against Cotterill. He deserves the support of every one who desires a clean, well-governed city.

To bring up another recall election at this time means the upsetting of

business for several months to come.

We hope that none of the deaf will sign these recall petitions, and if they have already done so, that they will see that their names are at once removed. R.

#### MR. REGENSBURG DROPS HIS 200 LBS. ON THE ASSISTANT.

Editor Observer:—

If Mr. Root had taken the pains to inquire of his neighbor, Mr. Hanson, a member of the Printing Committee, he would have learned that the fresh delay in printing the proceedings was through no fault of my own as most of the copy was assigned to another party and has yet to be returned. I am also unfortunate in this respect—that Mr. Root never dropped into my office to note my accumulated correspondence or thought of the time I have given gratuitously to miscellaneous business, answering inquiries, chasing imposters (which still goes merrily on), Moving Picture affairs, etc.—nothing of which is published, or else he might have at least a word of commendation for me that he has freely for others. This is not intended to underrate his complimentary remarks which they certainly deserve, but to serve notice that silence or failure to have a publicity organ in my home town, is not a crime, nor warrants my being condemned without a hearing. There are public officials that can work just as effectively on the quiet.

Largely owing to the attitude of Mr. Root and his staff organ toward me and the obstacles they have thrown in the path of my work, I have this to say—that any one using my name as a presidential candidate, does so without my permission or authority, and I would be glad to have the newspapers give this as much publicity as possible. The game is not worth the candle as our men are fast learning from the sad experiences of Spear, Dougherty, Smith, Veditz, Cloud, McGregor and a score of others who have the courage of their convictions and have been unselfish in their devotion to the cause of the deaf, only to find what they built, others quickly tore down. Even men of our leisure class who could spare the time, decline to take interest. Prof. Percival Hall is quoted as saying that the oralists are secretly alive to this quarrelsome failing of the deaf and make the most of the opportunity occasioned by our demoralization. At the present rate of converts they are making, I am enough of a pessimist to believe that the next generation will see the Sign Language doomed unless we unite and present a solid front.

Look at France. Read McGregor's account of the Paris Congress and of oral faddism rampant over there. The new generation is without new

leaders and was forced to press into service the grizzly veterans of the 1889 Congress—Duhuzeau, Galliard, and others—to lead them. We seem to be losing too, because the "get together" spirit is wanting, and because of that our Endowment Fund hasn't been increased by so much as a single cent, and the opportunity that was offered us to do so is irretrievably lost.

There is one good sign. The ladies of Los Angeles, spurred on by another woman, united to get up a testimonial to present to the Joan d'Arc of Paris—Madame Galliard—who valiantly withstood the brunt of the oral fire directed at the Sign Language.

Mr. Hanson asked me to finish what important work I have left—the Moving Picture work—and when that is done, I want to be left alone in peace.

OSCAR H. REGENSBURG.

Venice, Calif., Sept. 5th, '12.

(We always try to give credit to those whom credit is due. If Mr. Regensburg had written us an occasional brief account of the progress of his work the public would know what he was doing, and we think the deaf have a right to know what the officers of their national association are doing—R.).

#### PORTLAND, OREGON.

Mrs. Bennick enjoyed a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Emerick at Hillsboro, Ore.

Emery Vinson is passing a couple of weeks at Vancouver, B. C., visiting his parents.

Mrs. Rudy Spieler spent several days at Silverton, hop-picking.

In honor of the event of her birthday a number of friends surprised Miss Ella Gerstle at her home the latter part of August. Ice cream and cake were served and Ella received several nice presents.

The stork flew over Portland on Sept. 15th and dropped an 8½-pound girl baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith.

The engagement of Miss Bessie Bond to Mr. Henry Nelson is announced. The wedding takes place in the very near future. A linen shower was given to Miss Bond at the home of Mrs. Reichle last Friday afternoon. She was the recipient of many handsome and useful linen pieces. Wafers and tea were served, after which the ladies separated, wishing the bride-to-be much happiness.

After a four-weeks' absence from church on account of illness, Mrs. Metcalf was able to interpret again last Sunday.

For the benefit of the N. F. D., a basket social will be given at the Logan Hall, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Prizes will be awarded to the highest bidder and the prettiest basket. Every one is welcome.

**LOCAL NEWS**

A. W. Wright and family spent Sunday in Tacoma.

Alfred Stendahl was in town a week ago, visiting his best girl.

Emrel Runge is still alive and located at 739 Olive street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Miss Marion E. Finch has returned to her position in the Salem, Oregon, school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haire are the proud parents of a baby girl. Congratulations.

Miss Ethel Carr and Miss Laura Sampson are now rooming together on Eighth avenue.

P. L. Axling is now engaged in sending out circulars to assist in the Nebraska fight against oralism.

A. W. Wright has laid out a tennis court on his vacant lot. We intend to drop in for a game some day.

Charlotte Gustin recently had the misfortune to be thrown from a motor cycle and had one ankle severely sprained.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Swangren have moved from the University vicinity to Second avenue near the Washington hotel.

Harry Hortop is still employed at the Bon Marche. An interesting lot of girls are employed in the same department.

Max Gebhardt is back from Nome, Alaska, looking as fat as a bear. He says there is no work up there, that everything is dead.

Hans Christensen of Minnesota was in town on the 14th and 15th. He went from here to Salem, Oregon, where he expects to work.

Herman Kohn left last week for Portland. After getting acquainted there he will go on to Chicago. We understand he recovered his hat.

The next monthly social of the P. S. A. D. will be held at Carpenters Hall next Saturday evening and will be in charge of Miss Myrtle Hammond.

L. T. Rhiley left Tuesday for Calgary, Canada, where he expects to remain several months, if his work suits him. Mrs. Rhiley will remain in Seattle for the present.

A letter from Mrs. Klawitter announces the family all well and happy. They are at Cumberland, B. C., and like it very much, but will be back to Seattle next month.

Rev. Fedder of the Seattle Lutheran church held service for the deaf in Tacoma the 15th. There was a fairly good attendance. Last Sunday he went to Portland for the same purpose.

Roy Harris' motor cycle was found a few days after being stolen. One wheel and some other parts are still missing. The thief was not caught. The express man who found the cycle was rewarded with \$25.

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**P. S. A. D. MEETING.**

The usual business meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf was held the evening of September 14.

The names of John Skoglund and Erve Chambers were presented for membership.

Mr. Rhiley, who expects soon to leave town, resigned from the membership committee, and Mr. Gustin was appointed in his place.

It was voted to appoint a standing committee of ladies to act as a sort of aid society, to help as occasion may require the welfare of the P. S. A. D.

Hans Christensen, of Salem, Oregon, spoke a few words of greeting and wished long life to the association.

Myrtle Hammond was appointed to have charge of the social on September 28.

AGATHA HANSON, Sec'y.

**ANOTHER SURPRISE.**

Friday evening the 14th, Mrs. J. E. Gustin was the victim of a birthday surprise. Some twelve of her friends suddenly dropped in on her. The surprise was engineered by Mrs. Eaton. All had a pleasant evening. The refreshments were unusually fine.

**JIMMY DOES SOMETHING GREAT AT LAST.**

At last Jimmy Meagher has actually accomplished something.

"Bring forth thy royal diadems,

And crown him Lord of all."

It all happened this way. Jimmy missed the train that was to take him back to Vancouver, so had to take a later one. It seems this was the same train on which the ex-great Roosevelt travelled from Tacoma to Portland. So Jimmy actually travelled with the ex-great. Unfortunately however Jimmy was sound asleep in his berth and didn't know anything about it till the next day, or he would probably have interviewed the lion hunter in his pajamas. R.

**DEAF MUTES DRIVE HERE.**

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kracke, Arthur G. Brantberg and Herman Plenz comprise an automobile party a little out of the ordinary that arrived in Seattle yesterday from Los Angeles. The entire party is composed of deaf mutes, including the chauffeur, Mr. Plenz.

The party left Los Angeles July 11, and made the trip in a leisurely manner, making side jaunts to points of interest, including Crater Lake, in

Oregon. The journey was made without any mishap, except for minor repairs, which were all made by the driver.

The party will spend the winter in Seattle.—Post-Intelligencer.

The California News was the first of the school exchanges to reach us. Jimmy Meagher, do you hear?

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**PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF**

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Also come and meet your fellow deaf for a social time, intellectual advancement and moral uplift.

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President—True Partridge.

Vice-President—Mrs. A. W. Wright.

Secretary—Mrs. Agatha Hanson.

Treasurer—L. O. Christensen.

Sergeant-at-Arms—W. S. Root.

**PROOF OF A GOOD TIME.**

Proof of the pie is in eating it and the proof of a good time is found in the faces of the participants. The above picture portrays a fishing party which left Seattle August 24th. This was taken just before their re-

turn. See the happy go lucky smile that won't come off. Sure the fish are small—still a little often goes a long ways. Those in the party are L. F. Rhiley bears the "satisfied with Mr. and Mrs. Meagher, Cleon Morris, Elsie Peterson, True Partridge, Erve Chambers, L. O. Christenson, L. T. Rhiley, A. K. Waugh, A. H. Koberstein, R. Patterson, E. H. Lang. Every one else is wearing the smile don, A. E. Hole, R. E. Harris.

**SOUTH DAKOTA.**

They responded with thanks and with the information that they had contemplated buying the identical article themselves and stating that it would now be doubly prized by them on account of the givers.

There were twenty-five people present. Ice cream and cake were served and the event, the success of which was credited to the Messrs. Lee Johnson and Edward P. Olson, closed most happily to all concerned.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 4th, Miss Florence Worswick was the guest of honor at Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Worswick's residence on East Ninth street, Sioux Falls, the occasion being a farewell party. It was a complete surprise to her. Conversation and games were indulged in till 9:30 p. m. when Edward P. Olson, in behalf of the company, made a speech presenting Miss Worswick with a sterling meat fork as a token of remembrance. Thursday evening Miss Worswick left for her home at Aberdeen after three months' visit with her brother and family. She was a graduate of the South Dakota School for the Deaf four years ago, and then a graduate of high school, a department added to the Wisconsin school two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Williams bought a modern cottage on West Eighth street, Sioux Falls, and took possession of it the second week of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson purchased a residence lot on Lake Ave.,

between 8th and 9th street, Sioux Falls last spring and are preparing to erect a modern cottage for their home.

Mrs. Olaf A. Olson returned home to Sioux Falls Aug. 20th from her two months' vacation with her aged mother, relatives and friends in Des Moines.

Francis C. Gueffroy, who for a considerable time managed the Highmore, S. D., Herald, resigned his position there and went to Fort Pierre two weeks ago, to manage the Stock Growers' Journal.

During two weeks in August, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Jewell were in Kansas City, Mo., visiting the latter's sons, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Simpson and Laurence Simpson.

There were four graduates from the S. D. school last June. They are Misses G. Schachte of Aberdeen; Marie Johnson of Britton; Flosie Hoisington of Harrisburg, and Edward P. Dore of Milbank.

Mr. Dore, who has been employed during the summer months as a compositor at Milbank, has resigned his position and departed Labor Day for Washington, D. C., where on Sept. 17 he will enter the Gallaudet College. He has the distinction of being the first South Dakota boy to pass the necessary state examination for entrance to this school. On his way to Washington he will stop at Columbus, Ohio, for a visit of a few days with friends.

Miss Hoisington also will go to the College this year. The two

other girls plans the writer did not know.

Edward P. Olson and brother Olaf have been busy nearly all the time the past spring and summer doing finishing work. Finished seven houses and a three-story hotel. They are now doing in the six-story hotel, Sioux Falls. Later Lee Johnson and Otto E. Brorly came to help do the finish work. The hotel will be finished in two weeks.

**SPOKANE**

Left over from last issue  
By some mistake or loss the Spokane news has not reached the Observer and the reporter does not hesitate to make known his feelings about having to rewrite it over and over again. "Cooking things down is no fun, eh."

We have plenty of drinking water, our fall has set in.

We are in poor communication with the Spokane Ass'n meetings, but the last meeting held on Sept. 7th, we understand approved a petition to be sent to the city council prohibiting any person claiming to be deaf to peddle or ask alms without first securing a recognition from the Local Association. If this ordinance is accepted it will be necessary for all persons wishing a license or permit to be first recognized by the Local Ass'n.

Roy Hawley has got that California bug. He calls it (sac) Sacramento. Not the baseball fever, but we think it's something connected with Don Cupid.

## DEATH OF G. A. CHRISTENSON.

Gustave A. Christenson, a well-known deaf-mute of Chicago, aged sixty-two years, and at the time of his death the Local Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the F. S. D., was killed on Sunday, September 1st, by being struck by an automobile. The accident occurred, because of a complete disregard of the new ordinance of the city of Chicago, which prohibits the driver of an automobile from passing a street car that has stopped to discharge passengers.

The following from the Chicago Inter-Ocean of September 2nd, tells how the accident took place and shows the victim was not to blame in the least.

Gustave A. Christenson was crushed to death in front of his home at 3262 West North Avenue, yesterday. He had alighted from a west-bound North Avenue car at North Sawyer Avenue when he was struck by a speeding automobile and fatally injured. He died at St. Elizabeth's hospital an hour later.

Charles M. Pratt, owner and driver of the automobile, was taken into custody, and is being held at the West North Avenue Police Station for the inquest. Pratt lives at 4209 West North Avenue. He is a chauffeur.

According to passengers on the street car, the automobile was running behind the car at a high rate of speed. As the car began to slow up at North Sawyer Avenue, the driver of the automobile is said to have made an effort to pass the car between it and the curb.

The ordinance provides that automobiles must keep at least eight feet behind a street car when it is discharging passengers and must not attempt to pass it when it is slowing up.

Christenson was thrown beneath the wheels of the speeding machine an instant after he stepped from the street car. The automobile was going at such a high speed that the driver went more than a hundred feet beyond his victim before he could stop his car.

At the hospital it was found that Christenson was suffering from a fractured skull, a broken nose, a fractured jaw, and a broken right leg and cuts and bruises on the legs, arms and body. He was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition by the police. He did not regain consciousness.

Witnesses of the accident said the occupants were talking and laughing just before the man was struck.

Pratt denied that he was going at an excessive rate of speed, but the statements of the car crew and passengers were all to the effect that



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he was going between twenty-five and thirty miles an hour.

Asked why he did not obey the ordinance and stay behind the car until it had discharged its passengers, Pratt made no reply.—Chicago correspondent N. Y. Journal.

**WHEN THE DEAF ARE SOUGHT OUT.**

James T. Lawler, candidate for superior judge, is having a quiet laugh on other candidates these days. He addressed the Puget Sound Deaf Association at their annual picnic through an interpreter, while other candidates overlooked just that one chance to further their own candidacies.—Post-Intelligencer.

**JIMMY PULLS THEIR LEGS.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick (the Great) Meagher remembered our Labor Day picnic by sending Dr. Dougherty thirty souvenir cards with a written description of the scenery on each, with instructions to sell them to the persons addressed at a nickel apiece. He did so.—Chicago Correspondent N. Y. Journal.

**BACK TO TRENT.**

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